

MDPB Minutes March 19, 2003

Members present:, J. Burton, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, D. Stuchiner, P. Liebow, E. Smith, D. Ettinger, B. Callamore

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Rick Petrie, B. Dunwoody, Dan Paladino, Jeff Regis

Guests: P. Marcolini, A. Azarra, Jim Farrell, T. Judge, N. Dinerman, L. Mateo,

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 01/15/03	none	Adopted	None.
<u>Old Business</u>			
1. Legislative Update	Latest developments at the legislature were reviewed.	Bradshaw will keep group informed of developments.	None
2. Critical Care Ground Services	<p>A number of representatives were present to discuss a proposed critical care ground transportation program.</p> <p>A document was circulated detailing the program, protocols, scope, need, vision, and other elements.</p> <p>Approximately 1.5 hours of discussion was undertaken with regards to the program presentation, questions from members and guests.</p> <p>Elements included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Current PIFT program -Current nursing practice and impact of this proposal on the current practice for nurse and ems teams in the current as well as proposed structure. -The affiliation of the proposal with referral/trauma centers – members discussed elements of the proposal that appeared to be exclusive to these centers while simultaneously creating barriers for other hospitals or services. -Medical Direction qualifications -QI oversight – regional versus state -“Extended Scope” protocols - 	<p>Bradshaw will contact the Board of Nursing to establish some input/communication on this issue.</p> <p>EMMC, MMC, and CMMC representatives will keep board informed of changes to the proposal.</p> <p>Members will consider a vote on this issue at the next meeting, pending developments. New or revised parameters, as well as opinions from other groups will be solicited in the interim – this process will affect the timing of the decision regarding a vote on the proposal.</p>	Item for the next agenda.

3. Airway program	<p>requirements to justify the “need”, protocol standardization across services, skills maintenance numbers/training.</p> <p>The latest version of the airway algorithm was reviewed.</p> <p>A continuing element of discussion has been the “floor” of the practice for services – specifically ALS services. Members discussed this at length as to additions and current elements.</p> <p>LMA integration was considered. Support was strong for addition of this device as a means for alternate airway in adults as well as children. Elements discussed include cost, timeline, evidence, protocol, integration of teaching for a course.</p>	<p>Members voted on a proposal by Kendall, second Diaz: To require LMA kit presence and training for ALS licensing to be part of the new airway program. Vote – unanimous in favor 8-0.</p> <p>The timing of integration as a requirement is yet to be determined.</p> <p>Combitube will remain optional.</p> <p>A full kit (adult and pediatric sizing) will be required.</p> <p>This will require an EMS rules change.</p> <p>-Remain on agenda.</p> <p>-Continue protocol review/development.</p> <p>-Continue development of timelines for onset of LMA integration as well as final cut off date (2 or 3 years).</p>	Item for the next agenda.
<u>New Business</u>			
1. C spine Data	Burton circulated a recent report from the c spine QI followup forms. Efforts are being undertaken to continue data entry and links to the State Trauma database for clinical validation/followup.	None. Burton will keep group updated with progress.	None.
2. SARS	Discussion regarding SARS epidemic and circulation of information.	No EMS implications currently. Group will continue to follow.	None.

Next meeting 05/22/2003 (0930 - 1230)	Date is rescheduled to provide availability to a number of members who had conflicts with regularly scheduled meeting.		
